COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

6th of August 1932.

Saturday, the

22nd of Karkadagam 1107.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, S. S. Koder, C. A. Ouseph, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, A. Sankara Poduval and P. I. Varugis were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Pay of Miss Gowri Ammal.

106. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what was the pay of Dr. Miss D'Souza and Dr. Mrs. Kohlhoff at the time of their departure to England for higher studies ;

(2) what enhanced remuneration was given to each of them on their return ;

(3) what was the pay of Dr. Miss Gowri Ammal at the time of her departure to England for higher studies ;

(4) why is she not given the same enhanced pay as was given to Mrs. Kohlhoff and Miss D'Souza ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

(1) Dr. G. M. D'Souza Rs. 92—8—0.
Mrs. Kohlhoff Rs. 110—0—0.

(2) Miss G. M. D'Souza Rs. 200.
Mrs. Kohlhoff Rs. 200 per mensem.

(3) Dr. P. Gowri Ammal Rs. 100.

(4) In view of the present financial situation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer enhanced during the time of financial depression ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes : it was raised last year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will not this salary cut affect the pay of Dr. Gowri Ammal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It will affect all the officers.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Since that will affect her pay, may I know why another reduction should be made from her pay ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No reduction has been made in the pay till now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The other two Doctors Dr. D'Souza and Dr. Kohlhoff were given Rs. 200 after returning from England. May I know then why this differential treatment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They were given the maximum, because the State could afford to give it then.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Does the Secretary think that the Cochin Government cannot afford to give an additional amount of Rs. 100 considering that it has been given to the other two Doctors connected with the institution with the same qualification?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government position is simply that they cannot afford to be generous at this particular time.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But the same Government was in a position to increase the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in the face of the recommendations of a Committee consisting of a major portion of Government members. Does the Government think this is a reasonable proposition to be placed before the House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no proposition before the House.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The proposition is that it is only for want of funds.....

President.—You should not make a speech.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The point is an officer was not given a higher pay, because there was financial stringency. In another case the pay was increased at the same time. Therefore we are asking, does the Government think that financial stringency does not operate in the other case also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not at the same time. The pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer was raised about ten months earlier.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is the present pay of Dr. Gowri Ammal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is given here in the answer.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Was there not financial depression when the Chief Medical Officer's pay was raised?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government position was not so acute then.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Am I to take it that the Government was having some difficulties at that time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They knew that there was financial depression in the State.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what is the present pay of Dr. Gowri Ammal?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is Rs. 125.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it an increment given after she came here or is it an automatic increment? She draws now Rs. 125. Is that Rs. 25 out of consideration of her having qualified herself in England? Was it an automatic rising of the pay in the course of years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Partly due to her having superior qualifications and partly due to automatic increment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the amount given to her in consideration of her superior qualifications?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—She was on a different grade altogether. She was a Sub-Assistant Surgeon getting Rs. 70-100 when she went to England. Now she is an Assistant Surgeon on the grade of Rs. 125—200.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has she passed any higher examination than Doctors D'Souza and Kohlhoff?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what is the qualification of Dr. Gowri Ammal?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—She is an L. R. C. P. and M. R. C. S. of London and L. M. of Dublin.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—And that of Dr. D'Souza.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The same.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—And of Mrs. Kohlhoff?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—She did not get any qualification except L. M. of Dublin.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the length of service that Dr. Gowri Ammal had put in at the time of her return from England and that of Doctors D'Souza and Kohlhoff?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Dr. Gowri Ammal had 14 years, 8 months and 2 days, D'Souza 19 years, 3 months and 9 days and Kohlhoff when she went to England 17 years, 10 months and 15 days.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know when the new grade of Rs. 125—200 was introduced?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—1105.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Under normal conditions if she had been here in service what would have been her pay?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—She would not have been eligible for the 125—200 grade.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When the grade of Rs. 125—200 was created, if she were in service instead of being on study leave, what would have been her pay?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Rs. 100.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the grade of Rs. 125—200?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—She would not have got the grade of Rs. 125—200.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Government given scholarship to another lady doctor this year to qualify herself in England?

President.—I do not think that question arises from this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we take it that when we are in a position to tide over the difficulties, the doctor concerned will be given the same grade of pay as the other two?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government will consider.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know whether the Government have accepted the policy of making individual officers suffer for the financial difficulty of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a question of making any officer suffer. She was given a higher grade. Only Government have not been too generous.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was she not entitled to an increment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—She was not entitled to an increment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was she not given a legitimate hope that she will be given the same pay as the other two when she went to England?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as I know, I do not remember to have seen any such assurance.

Veterinary Dispensary, Nemmara.

107. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any in-patient accommodation for the treatment of animals;

(b) whether the public suffer for want of such accommodation;

(c) whether the Government feel the neces sity for improving the dispensary;

(d) if so, whether there is any scheme in view?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There is no in-patient accommodation.

(b) Yes, when the disease from which an animal is suffering is such that the animal cannot be allowed to move to any

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